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TO: LAUREL WYCKOFF

~~Mr. Robert B. DeBlieux~~, Assistant Secretary
Office of Cultural Development
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August 22, 2003

Date: 9-17-03

No known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Laurel Wyckoff: *Laurel Wyckoff*
State Historic Preservation Office

Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 239X), The Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company -- Abandonment -- at New Orleans, Louisiana

TO: WYCKOFF

Dear ~~Mr. DeBlieux~~:

On or about September 23, 2003, we expect to be filing with the Surface Transportation Board a notice of exemption seeking authority to abandon 1.28 miles of rail line located between railroad mileposts 1.22-NT and 2.5-NT at New Orleans, Louisiana. Attached is a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

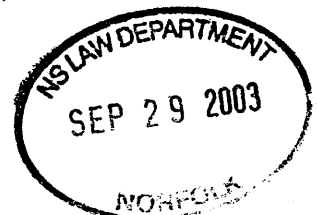
We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If you believe any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20423-0001, Telephone (202) 565-1545, and refer to the above Docket. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments (with a copy to me) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the historic impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly at the above telephone number or address.

Yours very truly,

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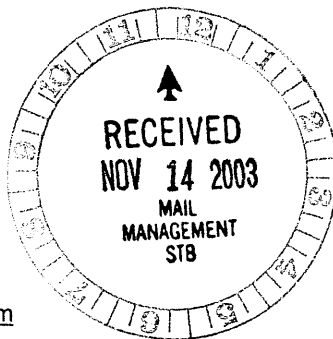
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 239X), The Alabama Great Southern
Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Williams:

Attached is a copy of a notation from Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer Laurel Wyckoff concerning the above proceeding in which she states, "no known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by this undertaking."

Please remove the Section 106 condition in view of this advice.

Yours very truly,

Sandra J. Gorby